

Big Cypress Swamp

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      Swamp study area boundary. 4. Add Status and Trends 2002 column to attribute
      table. 5. Populate 2002 Status and Trends code according to NWI attribute. 6.
      Explode all polygons and save edits. 7. Perform a union on the dataset to fill in
      holes with upland master polygon. 8. Make a copy of the dataset, title one 2002
      and the other 2010. 9. Add Status and Trends 2010 column to the 2010 dataset.
      10. Cut the 2010 polygons and attribute according to the 2010 imagery. a. Focus
      on anthropogenic change (human-influenced) i. Wetlands cut, drained, and filled
      to convert to homes, businesses, and farms. ii. Wetlands converted to
      transportation routes. iii. Construction of farm, industrial, and aesthetic ponds. b.
      Wetland polygons that have 50 percent or more change by area or class are
      updated. c. Attributes include: M1, M2, E1UB, E2EM, E2SS, LAC, RIV, PUBn, PUBa,
      PUBf, PUBu, PUBi, PEM, PSS, PFO, Pf, and U. 11. Pan through entire study area
      looking for linework and attribute inconsistencies. 12. Run quality assurance and
      quality control tools. a. Explode all polygons. b. Remove all null geometry
      polygons. c. Merge all polygons below minimum mapping unit. d. Remove all null
      and erroneous attributes. e. Run automated topology for gaps and overlaps. f.

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Repeat steps a. through e to ensure database precision and accuracy. g. Finalize and compact database.

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